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Lea Steffens, clarinet  
with Janet Kao, piano  
February 8, 2013



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# SPRING 2013 calendar highlights

## february

February 1

### University Singers Post-Tour Concert

Stephen Coker, Conductor

February 7

### President's Piano Series

Grace Fong & Louise Thomas, duo piano concert

February 14-16, 21-23

### *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare

Directed by Thomas Bradac

## march

March 7

### President's Piano Series

Sergei Babayan

March 8

### Chapman Chamber Orchestra & University Singers

Daniel Alfred Wachs, Music Director and Conductor

Stephen Coker, Conductor

March 14-16

### Concert Intime

Directed by Alicia Guy

## april

April 4

### President's Piano Series

John Perry

April 4-6, 11-13

### Stage Door

by George S. Kaufman & Edna Ferber

Directed by Nina LeNoir

April 19-21

### Opera Chapman presents

*The Merry Widow* by Franz Lehar

Peter Atherton, Artistic Director

Carol Neblett, Associate Director

April 24-27

### Student Produced One Acts

## may

May 8-11

### Spring Dance Concert

Directed by Jennifer Backhaus

May 11

### Sholund Scholarship Concert

Daniel Alfred Wachs, Conductor

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February 8, 2013 ■ 8:00 P.M.

Salmon Recital Hall

Program

Première Rhapsodie (1910) Claude Debussy  
(1862-1918)

Three Pieces for Clarinet Solo (1918) Igor Stravinsky  
(1882-1971)

Dance Preludes (1954) Witold Lutoslawski  
(1913-1994)

Allegro molto  
Andantino  
Allegro giocoso 947  
Andante 1004  
Allegro molto 1128

Brief Intermission

Five Bagatelles (1943) Gerald Finzi  
(1901-1956)

Prelude 1260  
Romance 1372  
Carol 1506  
Forlana 1571  
Fughetta 1644

Sonata for Clarinet and Piano (1942) Leonard Bernstein  
(1918-1990)

Grazioso 1899  
Andantino, Vivace e leggiero 2044

Artists

A native of Southern California, **Lea Steffens** earned the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1999. She also holds the Master of Music degree from UCLA, and the Bachelor of Music degree in Performance, cum laude, from California State University, Long Beach.

Dr. Steffens has been active as a professional clarinetist since 1988, working with symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, wind ensembles, musicals, operas, choirs, churches, theaters, theme parks and cruise ships. She holds the tenured position of bass clarinetist with the Fresno Philharmonic and can be heard regularly throughout California with a number of ensembles, and as a soloist. She performs with organizations such as the Long Beach Municipal Band, Santa Monica Symphony, Redlands Symphony, Desert Symphony, Fresno Grand Opera, Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, San Bernardino Symphony, Santa Barbara Symphony, Pacific Symphony Pops, American Winds, Los Angeles Metropolitan Orchestra, Long Beach Opera, Musica Angelica, Opera a la Carte, Aria Players, California Concert Artists, Disneyland Band, and has traveled to performance venues throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

As a studio musician, Dr. Steffens has recorded major motion picture and television soundtracks for Sony Pictures, Walt Disney/Pixar Productions, HBO Pictures, Universal Studios, Warner Bros., Paramount, and DreamWorks. Some of the titles on which she has worked include *The Good German*, *Cinderella Man*, *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*, *Hidalgo*, *Finding Nemo*, *Meet Joe Black*, *Geronimo*, *Treasure Island*, *The Wild West*, *Angels in America*, and the television show *JAG*.

Dr. Steffens teaches clarinet at Chapman University, Irvine Valley College, and Long Beach City College. She resides in Orange with her husband Mike and daughter Kahlan.

## Artists

Pianist **Janet Kao**, a native of Taiwan, is an accomplished musician with extensive experience as a solo pianist, vocal/instrumental collaborator, and an opera coach. She has performed on many stages including Alice Tully Hall in New York City, Harris Concert Hall in Aspen, Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, National Concert Hall of Taiwan. She has been invited to participate in several summer music festivals including Bowdoin Music Festival, the Yellow Barn Chamber Music Festival, and the Music Academy of the West. She has served as a staff accompanist at the Aspen Music Festival, as a staff coach at Opera in the Ozarks, Arkansas and the American Institute of Musical Arts in Graz, Austria.

She has received teaching fellowships from the Julliard School and the USC Thornton Opera, working closely with renowned conductors, Judith Clurman and Brent McMunn. Her interests in contemporary music have led her to collaborate on new operas including *Miss Lonelyhearts* by Lowell Liebermann and *Powder Her face* by Thomas Adès. In addition to opera, she has premiered many contemporary chamber works with the New Juilliard Ensemble, under the baton of Joel Sachs.

Janet received her Bachelor and Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory with pianist Robert McDonald, and a Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Piano from the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Jonathan Feldman and Brian Zeger. She completed the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California in Keyboard Collaborative Arts in 2009 under Alan Smith and was awarded Gwendolyn Koldofsky Scholarship Award for three consecutive years. Dr. Kao is currently an adjunct professor and a vocal coach at Fullerton College and Chapman University.



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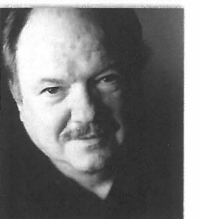
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